

April 15, 2020

The Honorable Terry Renegar Chairman, Davie County Commissioners 123 South Main Street Administrative Building Mocksville, NC 27028

Dear Chairman Renegar:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, thank you for the opportunity to present the college's budget request for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. The Davie Campus celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2019 and the faculty, staff, and leadership have partnered with our community to accomplish many new goals. Last year, the Davie Campus served nearly 1,500 students, an enrollment growth of 47% over the previous year, with the percentage of high school students continuing to increase.

In 2019, the Davie Campus engaged in strategic planning with community stakeholders to ensure that educational opportunities are available and relevant to meet the needs of the community. Through this planning, priorities were established to enhance communications to ensure the community is aware of the comprehensive opportunities available at the Davie Campus, to improve our facilities, and to identify expansion opportunities to more effectively meet the demands of the regional workforce.

During the last year, the Davie Campus increased staffing as the result of enrollment growth, renovated and expanded our welding facilities, relocated two health science programs from the Davie Hospital in Mocksville, launched an Emergency Medical Science at Davie High School through Career and College Promise, and strengthened continuing education partnerships with public safety services in Davie County.

Our Vice President at the Davie Campus has worked closely with community partners to strategize and successfully launch the Ignite Davie scholarship to allow high school graduates to continue their education at DCCC beginning with the graduating class of 2020. To date, over 100 students have applied for the Ignite Davie scholarship to attend DCCC. To show our commitment to increasing post-secondary credential attainment in Davie County, the DCCC Foundation made a substantial contribution to this scholarship. Additionally, DCCC's first Day of Service occurred in November with over 30 of our faculty and staff volunteering in five local businesses and agencies in Davie County.

The first Job Fair at the Davie Campus was hosted in April 2019 with approximately 30 employers participating. Follow its success, a second Job Fair was hosted in October 2019 with over 40 employers participating. The college will continue to host these opportunities to bring together employers and potential employees at least twice per year. The NCWorks coordinator for the county has relocated her office and expanded her hours to the Davie Campus allowing us to co-locate employment and educational opportunities. This partnership has been successful particularly in ensuring that the state-supported Finish Line grants are utilized to provide training to get citizens into jobs and careers that meet local workforce demand and provide family sustaining wages.

New connections are being made with existing and new industries in the community to identify training needs and to develop continuing education programs to meet those needs. Customized training support as well as apprenticeship opportunities continue to be available to local businesses and industries through DCCC. Our plans for the near future at the Davie Campus includes adding a new parking lot to meet the demands of increased enrollments, to continue exploring expansion locations and facilities for current and new health sciences programs, to expand opportunities at the Davie Campus in Mocksville by adding science labs, and to launch a fire technology program at the Davie High School through Career and College Promise.

The Board of Trustees of Davidson County Community College approved the Davie County Budget Request for 2020-2021 on April 14, 2020. The approved budget is enclosed. The total 2020-2021 budget request is \$792,511 (\$732,511 general expense + \$60,000 capital expense). The enclosed budget includes a two percent raise for staff as well as an increase for the rising cost of health care and retirement. On behalf of our students, we appreciate the support the Davie County Commissioners provides the College. Your continued support of quality educational services is a necessity in order to advance the mission of the College. Please let us know if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Kevin Firquin

Chairman, Board of Trustees

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